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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS ON LUXEMBOURG STORAGE NEGOTIATIONS

1. LUXEMBOURG PRESS OF JUNE 29 AND JUNE 30 REPORTS
THAT KNOWLEDGEABLE GOL SOURCES HAVE INDICATED THAT
THE U.S. ARMY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF LUXEMBOURG ARE
CLOSE TO AGREEMENT OF ON ESTABLISHING STORAGE SITES IN
LUXEMBOURG. THE "TAGEBLATT" (SOCIALIST PARTY NEWS-
PAPER) OF JUNE 29 REPORTED THAT "DURING A RECENT
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING THE GOVERNMENT APPROVED
THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO U.S. MILITARY DEPOTS IN
BETTEMBOURG AND SANEM. DISCUSSIONS WITH THE U.S.
ARMY HAVE PROGRESSED TO THE POINT THAT THERE IS NO
DOUBT THAT THE DEPOTS WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN
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LUXEMBOURG. ONLY TECHNICAL DETAILS, LEGAL QUESTIONS,
FINANCING AND SO FORTH REMAIN TO BE CLEARED
UP. VEHICLES OF ALL KINDS (JEEPS TO TRUCKS)
WILL BE STORED AND MAINTAINED IN THE DEPOTS
ALONG WITH OTHER MATERIALS SUCH AS UNIFORMS.
NO BOMBS OR AMMUNITION WILL BE STORED AT
THESE SITES. SOME 1.5 BILLION FRANCS WILL

BE INVESTED IN BOTH DEPOTS AND 450 CIVILIANS
WILL BE EMPLOYED. THE NATIONAL CREDIT INVESTMENT
SOCIETY AND ARBED WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
BUILDING AND ADMINISTERING THE DEPOTS."

2. ON JUNE 30 BOTH THE "TAGEBLATT" AND THE
"REPUBLICAIN LORRAIN" (INDEPENDENT) RAN ARTICLES
TO THE EFFECT THAT IN ADDITION TO STORAGE
SITES, THE U.S. ARMY AND THE GOL WERE CONSIDERING
ESTABLISHING AN AMMUNITION DEPOT IN LUXEMBOURG.
THE "REPUBLICAIN LORRAIN" ARTICLE READS AS
FOLLOWS: "AFTER THE PERSPECTIVE OF IMPORTANT
STORAGE FACILITIES FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN
THE SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY, THE GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING
TO A GENERALLY WELL-INFORMED SOURCE, INTENDS TO
ESTABLISH A MUNITIONS DEPOT (CONVENTIONAL ARMS ONLY)
NORTH OF
THE MOSELLE. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, THE DEPOT
ALREADY EXISTING AT WALFERDANGE WILL BE USED TO
STORE PART OF THE MUNITIONS THE AMERICAN ARMY
WANTS TO STORE ON LUXEMBOURG TERRITORY.
ANOTHER DEPOT COULD BE ESTABLISHED IN THE
REGION OF WASSERBILLIG BUT IT WOULD NOT
REQUIRE A GREAT DEAL OF INFRASTRUCTURE AS
IS THE CASE FOR THE STORAGE SITES IN THE SOUTH...."

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3. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY A PROESS CONTACT THAT
THE MUNITIONS SITE STORY COMES FROM MINISTER
OF PUBLIC FORCES, EMILE KRIEPS, LOWENSTEIN

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